GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1634
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PENDING FAMILY COURT CASES
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Family Courts during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) whether the Union Government are aware of the increasing number of pending cases in Family Courts;

(c) if so, the main reasons for the same; and

(d) the steps taken to clear the pending cases in Family Courts speedily?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Some of the important reasons for increase in the number of pendency in Family Courts are awareness of the people, specially women, about their legal rights; globalization, increase in the number of divorce cases and lesser number of Family Courts.

(d) State Governments have already been advised to set up a family court in each district for which funds are also being given. Further it has been decided to focus on reforms in a few core areas which include computerization of judiciary and development of physical infrastructure.

Statement

State-wise details of the number of cases pending in Family Courts as on 31-12-2004

Name of the State	Pendency During 2002	During 2002	During 2002
Andhra Pradesh	4421	4164	5123
Assam	927	1032	1012(30.9)
Bihar	2904	3221	2393
Chhattisgarh	#	#	1300
Gujarat	6257	6161	6368
Jharkhand	2494	4424	##
Karnataka	8753	9798	10672
Kerala	21175	28205	30114
Madhya Pradesh	#	7916	8101(30.6)
Maharashtra	18298	18795	18119
Manipur	679	743(30.6)	##
Orissa	4404	5004	5260
Sikkim	28	39	35(31.3)
Tamil Nadu	7541	6504	6940
Tripura	#	#	367
Uttar Pradesh	42040	46406	49758
Uttaranchal	3414	2765	3485
West Bengal	554	647	##
Pondicherry	765	881	708

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